

To whom it may concern:

In consideration of the petitions brought forward by the American Radio Relay League, considering the “automatic upgrade” of Technician Class Amateur Radio Operator Licensees to General Class Amateur Operator. It was and always has been my basic understanding that to be able to operate on “Allocated” frequencies for amateur radio licenses for a certain license class, you were to (according to Part 97.503 of the FCC Rules) “prove that the examinee possesses the operational and technical qualifications required to perform properly the duties of an amateur radio service license”. That would in turn also leave me to believe that that person would have to possess the knowledge beforehand, and be qualified to operate in what ever portions of the Amateur Radio Spectrum the he holds a license for. I would hope that this would still stand to be true, and foregoing, due to that there are a lot of hams, (five in my immediate area) that are technicians, that have already purchased Amateur Radio apparatus that transmits below the 30 Mhz portions of the Amateur Radio frequency spectrum, but they could not even begin to tell you where they would have operating privileges below 144 Mhz. This was just one of my main concerns when I first learned of the petitions, and has been probably one of the hottest topics in the local, and nationwide ham radio community.

Thank You
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